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U.S. Department of Transportation Dockets,
Docket No. FAA-98-4390 - 36
400 Seventh St., SW, Rm Plaza 401
Washington, DC 20590

September 29th, 1998

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Joseph E. Seagram & Sons, Inc. I would like to thank you for considering a change in the FAR's for IFR Helicopter Alternate Minimums. This proposed rule change would allow helicopters to be utilized more frequently in the IFR system, which would increase safety because of separation provided by ATC. It would allow us to work in the crowded Northeast area without having to file an alternate over 100 nautical miles away. I also think that by more helicopters utilizing the IFR system the number of complaints generated by low flying aircraft on a "marginal" day will decrease dramatically.

This proposed rule change has our support.

Sincerely,

Richard D. Huggins
Helicopter Pilot